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## NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTORS

At the recent annual election on April 13th the following were elected directors of the Sierra Club for the ensuing year: Ansel Adams, William Frederic Badè, Phil S. Bernays, Lewis F. Clark, William E. Colby, Ernest Dawson, Francis P. Farquhar, Joel H. Hildebrand, Walter L. Huber, Joseph N. Le Conte, Duncan McDuffie, Marion R. Parsons, Robert M. Price, Bestor Robinson, Francis D. Tappaan. The regular organization meeting of the Board will be held in the club rooms, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco, Saturday morning, May 4, 1935, at 10 o'clock, at which time officers for the ensuing year will be elected and such business as may come before the meeting will be transacted.

## KINGS RIVER OUTING 1935

The unusual snowfall in the mountains promises to make this year outstanding so far as Sierra travel is concerned. Those who go on the outing this summer will be reminded of the early outings when the abundance of snow added to the picturesqueness of the high mountain areas. It will be a great year for the photographers.

A change of plan has been made so that members of the first two weeks party can be returned to Big Meadow, and members of the second two weeks party can be taken in from that point. This will simplify the arrangements of those who come in their own automobiles.

The first installment of the outing deposit is now payable and members who are planning to go will assist materially by sending this in without delay.

WILLIAM E. COLBY.

## DEATH OF PROFESSOR MEANY, PRESIDENT OF THE MOUNTAINEERS

Professor Edmond Stephen Meany, President of The Mountaineers and one of the founders of that organization, passed away on April 22, 1935, in the midst of his duties as Professor of History at the University of Washington, Seattle. Although seventy-two years of age, he was still active, both in his college work and in his leadership among lovers of the out-of-doors. No sign of illness preceded the stroke that, within a few minutes, ended his career. It is impossible to convey in this brief notice any comprehension of the affectionate regard in which Professor Meany was held by his students and by those who followed his leadership in the expeditions of The Mountaineers.

Upon receipt of the news, a telegram was sent by the Sierra Club to The Mountaineers and Miss Lulie Nettleton, a member of the Sierra Club as well as of The Mountaineers, was asked to represent the Club. The following letter has been received from her:

"I ordered the flowers for our Dr. Meany, with a card, 'To the distinguished President of The Mountaineers, with deep sympathy of members of the Sierra Club.' We are stunned at the loss of Professor Meany. The whole city is grieving for him. The funeral was very impressive, being held at Meany Hall, on the campus, and attended by thousands of people, most of them feeling a personal loss. You have kept your Secretary and Outing Committee Chairman through the years; we have kept the same President since 1908. I can assure you that we all appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending your messages and flowers—it was like you, of the Sierra Club, to do the gracious thing."

## CONSERVATION CONVENTION AND WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL AT YOSEMITE

All organizations and individuals interested in the conservation of California Wildflowers and Native Plants are invited to attend the Festival and Convention to be held in Yosemite June 6-9, 1935. The public is cordially invited to participate in the activities. There will be walks, tours, exhibits, and lectures, in addition to round-table discussions and conferences.

The following organizations have been invited to participate: State, county, and municipal planning commissions; garden clubs, horticultural societies; national, state, and municipal parks administrations; parent-teacher and teachers associations; roadside beautification associations; mountaineering and outdoor clubs; Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts; general conservation organizations.

A dominant function of the convention will be the co-ordination of ideas on conservation and a study of the problems of their practical application in the beautification of California.

All those interested may communicate with Mr. Oliver Kehrlein, Secretary, 3969 Clay Street, San Francisco, California.

### General Committee:

Mr. Ansel Adams, *Chairman*

Mr. Clinton C. Clarke  
Mr. William E. Colby  
Mr. Newton B. Drury  
Mr. Francis P. Farquhar  
Mrs. Charles N. Felton  
Mr. C. A. Harwell

Mr. Emerson Knight  
Mr. A. P. Leach  
Mrs. Duncan McDuffie  
Mr. Irving Morrow  
Mr. Hugh Pomeroy  
Col. C. G. Thomson

## PACIFIC CREST TRAIL CONFERENCE—YOSEMITE, JUNE 6th-9th

One of our members, Mr. Clinton C. Clarke, has for many years been actively interested in the establishment of a high-line trail extending from Canada through the Cascades across the states of Washington and Oregon and into California, following the high mountain range south from Mount Shasta, and, taking up the John Muir Trail as one link, continuing by way of the Sierra Madre to the Mexican border. The idea is to have this trail take the place in the west that the Appalachian Trail occupies in the eastern states. Mr. Clarke has spent a great amount of time and energy in bringing about the co-operation of the Forest Service, the National Park Service, and mountaineering and outdoor organizations which would naturally be interested in this program. At the last meeting of the Board of Directors the Sierra Club agreed to call together a conference to further this trail plan. It seems highly appropriate that this conference should be held in Yosemite National Park where the important John Muir Trail exists, especially since John Muir's life was so intimately bound up with this Yosemite region. It also seems highly desirable to hold this conference in Yosemite Valley when representatives who would naturally attend the conference will be present for other purposes during the week of the Yosemite Conservation Convention and Wildflower Festival which will take place June 6 to 9. Members of the Sierra Club who are interested in the establishment and development of this Pacific Crest Trail should remember these dates and attend this conference if possible. Further information can be obtained either from the Sierra Club headquarters in San Francisco or at the Le Conte Memorial Lodge in Yosemite Valley, where the conference will probably be held.

## CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE REPORTS POPULAR SEASON

The popularity of the Clair Tappaan Lodge during the current winter season has exceeded expectations, with more than 730 visitors so far, including repeaters. Since last Thanksgiving Day, when the first ski trip started and collection of lodge fees was begun, groups have occupied the lodge on 20 out of the 21 week-ends up to Easter Sunday, April 21st. Attendance has ranged from six to 66 persons, averaging 35 to a party. When it is considered that ninety per cent of these visitors have stayed one or more nights at the lodge, some for a week or two, and that three-quarters of them were members of the Sierra Club or their immediate dependents, one realizes that the lodge is becoming a real and

vital factor in the program of Club activities. Many of the remaining quarter of the visitors—the guests of members—are themselves potential members and a number of them have already joined the Club.

This record is indeed gratifying. To the enthusiasts who initiated the lodge project and with the wholehearted support of the Club carried it through to a successfully functioning unit within the short period of ten months, this patronage is ample evidence that their hopes for the utilization of the lodge are being fulfilled in no uncertain measure. To all those who remember

"CLAIR TAPPAAN

an inspiring mountain comrade to whom this lodge is affectionately dedicated by the Sierra Club  
1934"

it must be a source of satisfaction that there has been consummated such a genuinely living memorial to one who devoted himself loyally and joyfully to the ideals of the Club and gave generously of his abundant life to furthering its objects.

The dedication ceremonies took place on December 30th, last, with Honorary President Joseph N. Le Conte presiding in the absence of President Farquhar who was traveling in Mexico. Professor Joel Hildebrand told of the conception of the lodge idea and outlined the opportunities for winter exploration and enjoyment of the Sierra Nevada which the lodge makes possible. Bestor Robinson, chairman of the construction committee, recounted the story of the building of the lodge and the overcoming of the many problems incident thereto. Secretary William E. Colby made the chief address, recalling his intimate friendship with Judge Tappaan and the latter's life-long interest in the out-of-doors, particularly in the mountains of California. The audience of almost a hundred persons included, besides the 60 or more who were spending the New Year's week-end at the lodge, a group from the neighboring Sierra Ski Club, among whom are a number of veteran Sierra Club members.

Over Washington's Birthday the lodge was crowded to capacity by the annual winter sports outing of the San Francisco Bay Chapter. Groups from the Southern California Chapter and the Loma Prieta Chapter have attended, and a contingent from Sacramento, where interest is being shown in the establishment of a chapter of the club.

That the winter season is still current at 7000 feet in mid-April despite the unusual spring verdure this year in the valleys will not be doubted by those at the lodge during the last storm, which left a deep white mantle over the entire landscape and maintained the depth of snow on the ground at Soda Springs at over 100 inches for the 26th consecutive day. It is generally recognized that the depth of snow at Norden, where our lodge is located, is a few inches greater than that officially reported at Soda Springs, two miles to the west. The ardent skiers are looking forward to the thrills of their favorite sport for at least six to eight more week-ends. Spring skiing in the Sierra is a particular delight, for then the snow is well packed and of comparatively uniform texture, while a midday sun-bask after lunch is one of the usual pleasures of the day.

After the snow finally disappears members will find the lodge and surrounding national forest area an attractive mountain headquarters for summer recreation. The Lodge Committee plans to have a custodian in charge during the summer season which will simplify the problem of access. The regular rates for lodge privileges will continue, whether one elects to sleep in the lodge or out under the firs. Private commissary arrangements using either the lodge facilities or the outdoor fireplaces will take the place of the central commissary plan, except for the work parties which will be organized to complete the roofing and external siding of the building, finish up interior carpentry jobs, and gather a supply of firewood for next season. The Winter Sports Committee has permission to cut several new ski-trails, and it is expected that the logs from these will be cut up for fuel to keep the stoves and fireplace blazing next winter. Those interested in joining work parties should communicate with the chairman of the Lodge Committee.

LEWIS F. CLARK, *Chairman.*

## BILLBOARD LEGISLATION UPHELD

Members who are interested in the preservation of roadside beauty will be pleased to know that the Supreme Court of Massachusetts has, after many years of consideration, decided a number of cases bearing on the power of the state to regulate billboards along the highways. The decision supports the regulations and restrictions as to sizes, location, setbacks (the legality of the setback provisions being especially stressed), fees, and the banishment of billboards from locations of scenic and historic interest, and it is clear-cut to the effect that the legislative power may decide, and may put the public interest first and the business interest second without impairment of constitutional rights under the Massachusetts or the Federal constitutions.

This work is being ably and effectively carried on in California by the California Roadside Council (formerly the California Council for Protection of Roadside Beauty), under the direction of Mrs. Charles N. Felton. The state owes her a great debt of gratitude for this unselfish work which has already accomplished much for the beautification of its highways.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR 1934

To the Members of the Sierra Club:

During the calendar year 1934 there were 352 new members admitted to membership in the Sierra Club; 220 were dropped from the list because of non-payment of dues, 64 resigned, and there were 16 deaths—totaling 300. The total membership on December 31, 1934, was therefore 2263 as compared with 2211 a year before.

WILLIAM E. COLBY, *Secretary*.

## NOTES

*European Tour*—Dr. Walter Mosauer, of the University of California at Los Angeles, a member of the Sierra Club, announces a personally conducted European tour under his direction, from the end of June to early September. The party will visit Italy, Austria (Dr. Mosauer's native country), Hungary, Switzerland, and France. A good deal of time will be spent in the most beautiful parts of the Alps. Further information may be obtained from Dr. Mosauer, 845 South Bundy Drive, Brentwood Heights, Los Angeles.

*Book on Minya Konka*—The highest mountain ever climbed by an American Expedition, and the second highest ever climbed by any expedition, is Minya Konka, on the Chinese-Tibetan border, 24,891 feet. Richard L. Burdsall and Arthur B. Emmons, 3rd, two of the members of the party, have told the story in a well-illustrated book. One of the most important things about this expedition was the plan of attack, which deserves careful study by all future expeditionists. The mountaineering notes by Emmons are of special value. *Men Against the Clouds*. Published May 1, 1935, by Harper & Brothers.

*Mountain Sheep in the Sierra*—The California Academy of Sciences Conservation Committee (M. Hall McAllister, chairman) announces that it is endeavoring to ascertain the present status of mountain sheep (*Ovis canadensis*) in the Sierra Nevada. The State Fish and Game Commission has stated that there is a large number, the U. S. Forest Service estimates 440, while the Academy's committee thinks only about 100 sheep remain in California, including the desert ranges as well as the Sierra. The State Warden reported about 60 on Mount Baxter in the fall of 1934. As the Sierra Club Outing will be in the vicinity of Mount Baxter this summer, an opportunity is afforded to observe these rare animals. Mr. McAllister states that his Committee will pay to the Club one dollar a head for all sheep seen and reported in the Sierra this summer.

*Exhibit in Club Rooms during May*—Paintings of Wildflowers of the Sierra Nevada, by Alice B. Chittenden.



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